Mountain Weather Forecast

Snowdonia National Park

Forecast valid from 00:00 on Thursday 06 Jan 2022 until 23:59 on Friday 07 Jan 2022

Forecast Issued on Wednesday 05 Jan 2022 at 16:54

Confidence: High for fronts crossing from the west on Thursday, clearing to a showery westerly late in day, also for a rather unsettled theme through the rest of the period, but lowering confidence in the details of worst of conditions.

Headline for Thursday 06 Jan 2022: Snow Thursday morning, turning to rain at low to mid-levels for afternoon, clearing to showers later. Extensive hill fog for much of the day combining with snow and later rain to bring very difficult conditions.

Mountain weather hazards on Thursday 06 Jan 2022

Blizzards Low Likelihood	**Heavy Snow** No Likelihood	**Storm force winds** Low Likelihood
Gales High Likelihood	**Severe chill effect** High Likelihood	**Poor visibility** High Likelihood
Thunderstorms Low Likelihood	**Heavy persistent rain** No Likelihood	**Strong sunlight** No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m							
Time							
00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Cloudy	Cloudy	Dull	Light snow	Heavy snow	Sleet	Light snow showers (night)	Light snow showers (night)
Precipitation probability							
00%	00%	10%	30%	90%	80%	70%	40%

Forecast for Thursday 06 Jan 2022

Weather: Dry overnight with higher cloud feeding from the west. Cloud soon thickening Thursday morning with an area of snow extending across all by mid-morning, which erratically turns to rain at lower and mid-levels come late afternoon. The snow and rain clears to the east through the evening, with showers following from the west, these perhaps bringing hail and thunder to western most peaks, also lowering snow level to around 300m come midnight.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 80% at first, becoming 10% or less from mid-morning, before lifting 70% as the showers spread in later.

Visibility: Good or very good, becoming moderate or poor in rain, very poor in snow and only a few metres in hill fog, with bases becoming extensive above 300-450m on the front, then sporadically so in later showers.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)					Wind Direction (blowing from)			
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
900	7/9 S	21/26 S	31/39 S	45/55 S	51/66 S	42/55 SW	36/46 W	35/45 W	35/47 W
600	9/12 S	14/20 S	22/30 S	30/41 S	37/51 S	29/41 SW	23/34 W	23/34 W	24/35 W
300	6/10 S	9/18 S	13/26 S	20/38 S	24/44 S	18/36 SW	15/30 W	15/30 W	16/31 W
Valley	7/11 S	9/18 S	13/26 S	21/39 S	25/45 S	17/34 SW	16/30 W	16/30 W	17/31 W

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)								
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
900	-2/-6	-2/-10	-2/-11	-2/-12	-1/-12	1/-7	-1/-9	-2/-11	-3/-12
600	-0/-4	-0/-6	0/-7	1/-7	0/-8	4/-3	2/-5	0/-7	-0/-8
300	2/-1	2/-2	2/-3	3/-3	2/-4	6/1	4/-0	3/-2	2/-3
Valley	3/-0	3/-1	3/-1	4/-1	4/-3	7/3	6/1	4/-0	3/-2
Freezing Level*	400m	500m	400m	500m	600m	1100m	800m	500m	400m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Meteorologist's View

Gusts reaching 70mph plus across most exposed ridges and summits, bringing the risk of blizzards across highest tops also severe wind chill effect.

Forecast for Friday 07 Jan 2022

Weather: A day of showers, these wintry to all but lowest levels, frequent and heavy at times for the morning and early afternoon, bringing the risk of thunder and hail to western peaks. Outbreaks gradually dwindling from mid-afternoon and through the evening.

Maximum wind: West mean 30-35mph with gusts reaching 50mph across more exposed ridges and summits, easing gradually from mid-morning.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 70% for any given time but limited scope for prolonged clear periods due to the showery nature of the flow.

Visibility: Good or very good, sporadically moderate to very poor in showers, only a few metres in hill fog with bases lowering 300-450m as showers push through.

Temperature: **Valleys:** Minus 3 Celsius increasing plus 4 Celsius for the afternoon
At 800m: Minus 4 Celsius
Freezing level: 400m

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